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TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA IN CHINA.

LONDON, 27th April.

The Washington State Department on the 19th February last handed the Chinese Minister a note pointing out the danger attending the surrender of Chinese territory. Copies of the note were forwarded to the Powers.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The twentieth ordinary general meeting of the above Company was held yesterday at noon in the offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Shawen, Tonnes & Co., Hon. R. Shawen (chairman) presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Lewis, D. E. Brown, N. A. Siebs (Consulting Committee), C. A. Tonnes, J. R. Michael, C. Klinck, Dr. Noble, Messrs. G. T. Veitch, A. G. Gordon, H. F. Campbell, A. A. Cordeiro, G. Somerville, G. Moffatt, D. W. Craddock, E. C. Potts, A. Babington, A. V. Apear, Fung Wa Chau, Ho Fook Sui Un and others.

The notice calling the meeting having been read,

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen.—With your permission we will take the report and accounts, copies of which have been in your hands for some time, as read. It is with great regret that we have to lay such an unfortunate result of the steamer's work before you, but the year was a most difficult and disappointing one; in spite of our efforts, a war of rates broke out after the advent of the Japanese steamers on the line and under all the circumstances we are surprised that the result is not worse. I am sorry to say that this state of things still continues, but on the other hand, our own particular position has greatly improved this year. We are now free from the "pool," which you will see from the accounts, cost, or rather will cost us, when everything is finally adjusted, over \$50,000, which is a dividend in itself, and though rates are still very low, we can, at any rate, now keep what we earn for ourselves. We have also had to stand the heavy charge of interest, which, as you will see from the figures given you later on, should be much less this year. Passengers have been plentiful and we have more than held our own in that respect. Nor is cargo from this side scarce; it is from Manilla where the great falling off has taken place, and when cargo begins again to come forward from there, as it used to do in former years, our prospects will be greatly improved. As regards our position financially, it is also much better now than as it appears by the accounts on 31st December last, as since then we have sold the *Diamonds* at a price which will improve the position in our books by about \$100,000. Our debt to our bankers is now reduced to \$138,316.13 as against \$377,863.16 on 31st December, and we only owe \$20,000 to the British S.S. Investment Trust, in London, against \$150,000 last year. In regard to this loss of £20,000 which stands at \$228,571.43 in the accounts, I may explain that last year we bought sterling for it forward to next month (which was as far ahead as the bank would settle) and this amount, as we shall, of course, be unable to take it up, we have resold at a profit of roughly \$13,000. We could not, however, resettle exchange for this year on equal terms, the banks charging about one-sixteenth down for every month forward, so in this way we shall have to face a shortage later on, against which we have the above profit. This was the best we could do, and although it is impossible to avoid some loss, we have, as you see, by settling forward, reduced it to a minimum, which, taking the worst possible rate, cannot exceed \$12,000, and may be much less. We have thus paid off our debts to a large extent and are left with three steamers in every way suited to our business and which stand in our books at a cost a good deal below what we should have to pay for similar boats to-day. We cannot, however, always depend entirely on our bankers for funds, although, of course, we can give ample security for our borrowings, and as there is still \$25 per share uncalled on over 5,000 new shares we must now proceed to call that up. If this call be well met, it will bring us in \$125,000 but if not, we shall be obliged to otherwise dispose of the shares in order to get in as much money as we can and reduce our indebtedness as far as possible. As you are all aware, a claim has been made against the *s.s. Zefiro* for the loss of a box said to contain \$50,000 principally in United States gold notes. The case comes on for hearing before a special jury to-morrow, so it is not advisable for me to make any comments here. That is all, gentlemen, that I think I can tell you about our present position and future prospects. Although there is so much competition on the Manila line just now, there is a good living in it for all at proper rates. We have still the best hold of it and we have won and overcome similar opposition in the past. In that respect we are well equipped as compared with the other boats on the line, ours being chiefly new and modern boats and economical consumers of coal, which is one of the principal items of our expenditure. We are now landing passengers at Manilla in two days from Hongkong, and the other fast boats can only do the same at an expenditure of twice or three times as much coal. We are quite satisfied with our position under present conditions and can only hope that our competitors will soon realize the folly and uselessness of their present action and make a return to as fair and reasonable rates of freight as possible. It is disappointing that after the lapse of several years the export trade from Manilla to this port should, instead of returning to its former dimensions, with the exception of an occasional shipment of hemp, have completely vanished, but this is a state of things that cannot last; the market in the interior must disappear before long, and with it will come a demand for Chinese labour, which, to all who thoroughly understand the condition of things over there, it is quite clear is absolutely indispensable not only to the commercial prosperity of the Philippines but to the social well-being and comfort of foreign residents in those islands. That in turn will be followed by an improvement in business all round and in particular by a revival of shipments of produce

and of the export trade from Manilla to China in which this Company must be the first to share. I will now proceed to move the adoption of the report and accounts, and after that has been seconded I shall be very glad to answer any questions that shareholders may have to put.

Dr. NOBLE seconded, and the motion was carried without opposition.

Mr. J. R. MICHAEL moved that Messrs. N. A. Siebs, D. E. Brown and J. H. Lewis be re-elected to the Consulting Committee.

Mr. P. C. POTTS seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. D. E. BROWN moved that Messrs. T. Arnold and W. H. Potts be re-elected auditors.

REVIEW.

The Island of Formosa, Past and Present. By James W. Davidson, F.R.G.S. Macmillan & Co., London and New York. Kelly & Walsh, Hongkong.

Mr. Davidson has produced a volume of upwards of 700 pages, in which the history, the people, the resources and the commercial prospects of the "Beautiful Isle" are dealt with in a very full, instructive and interesting manner. The size of the book, considering the comparative insignificance of the subject, may seem to many somewhat appalling, but we know of few books of the kind more readable from beginning to end than the one before us. No other book exists in the English language dealing with the island in anything like an exhaustive manner, and it was mainly this fact, coupled with his exceptional facilities for acquiring the necessary information, which induced Mr. Davidson to undertake a task which has occupied him practically ever since the Japanese occupation of the island in 1895. Mr. Davidson was a member of the Peary Arctic Expedition which returned just as the War broke out between China and Japan. He went to Formosa with the Japanese Army as a newspaper correspondent and many of our readers will doubtless recollect the very interesting letters which appeared over his signature at the time in the *Daily Press*. Mr. Davidson has since settled in the island collecting materials for a book which all students of the Far East will prize.

The Portuguese are commonly regarded as the first Europeans to establish themselves in Formosa, but Mr. Davidson says this is an error probably due to the fact that the Portuguese gave to the island the name Formosa. Careful researches have failed to discover that the Portuguese had any settlement in the island in the sixteenth century when the name "Illa Formosa" (Beautiful Isle) was applied to it by Portuguese sailing down the west coast. The Dutch were the first European settlers in Formosa. They landed a large force at Taiwan in 1624. Trade in those early days depended not upon the quality of the goods, but upon the military strength to control the markets, and we are told that the Dutch consequently valued the island chiefly on account of its strategical position. From Formosa the Spanish commerce between Manila and China, and the Portuguese commerce between Macao and Japan could by constant attacks be made so precarious that much of it would be thrown into the hands of the Dutch, while the latter's dealings with China and Japan would be subject to no interruptions. The Dutch, however, did not find their position as comfortable as they expected, and were, after 30 years' occupation, in 1662, driven out by Koxinga, who sailed from Amoy with an expedition of 25,000 for the purpose. In the succeeding chapter, we have an account of the island under the government of Koxinga and his descendants from 1662 down to its surrender to the imperialist forces in 1683. In succeeding chapters Mr. Davidson furnishes a very full history of the island under Chinese administration, during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and this forms perhaps the most interesting section of the book, embracing as it does full records of the foreign intercourse with the island from the expedition of the Hungarian Count Benjowsky in 1771 down to the occupation of the island by the Japanese in 1895.

It is especially interesting to residents of Hongkong to learn that when the English were on the look out for a centre where trade might be carried on without interference or oppression from the Chinese mandarins, Formosa was thought of in that connection before Hongkong. Prior to the occupation of this Colony in 1842, Formosa we are told was frequently suggested by the British in China as a convenient and desirable acquisition. Chusan and Ningpo were the other places mentioned as alternatives. The attention of the American authorities was also called to the advisability of occupying a portion of the island. At that time the swift American clippers stored largely in the China trade, and it was on account of the large number of wrecks occurring on the uncharted coasts of Formosa and the blood-curdling massacres of the crews, or the life of slavery to which the captives were reduced if they fell into the hands of the savages, that led to the suggestion that America should occupy part of the island and thus render assistance to the shipping world in general and secure to herself a naval station as well as an entrepot for American goods. In the very year that the British took possession of Hongkong 1842 British subjects were massacred in Formosa, so that England had ample justification for action. But neither England nor America felt inclined to take advantage of the opportunity, and in turn France and Germany appear to have considered the question, but finally Formosa dropped out of the view of the Foreign Powers and remained unthought of for a number of years.

The first step in opening the island to foreign trade was taken by the diplomatic representatives of America and Russia in 1858, who were successful in inducing the Chinese Government to declare Taiwan open to foreign residence and trade. "The beginning of the commercial career of the island," Mr. Davidson says, "may be dated from 1858, when the two Hongkong firms, Jardine Matheson & Co. and Dent & Co. first engaged in the Formosa trade. True, it was not until 1860 that they had representatives actually established in the islands as general merchants; still, in 1858-9 they both handled a large quantity of Formosan camphor, which was obtained as pre-arranged from the mandarins who had a monopoly of the trade."

From this time onward the story of foreign intercourse with Formosa is told with much detail and many old China hands will peruse

this section of the book with the liveliest interest.

A graphic account of the Japanese occupation of the islands follows, and then several chapters are devoted to the industries and natural resources of the island. A special chapter describes the inhabitants and the final chapter headed "Formosa of to-day" supplies an interesting account of what has been accomplished in the island by the Japanese during the past seven or eight years.

Mr. Davidson has produced a volume which must ever remain a standard work on Formosa. He has embodied in it all that is of interest and importance in whatever has previously been written about the island, and the result is a complete record as it is possible to acquire. Besides two new maps the volume includes no fewer than 168 illustrations from photographs. The appendix includes a comparative vocabulary of the nine savage groups in the island; a description of the land birds, the mammals and the climate of the island, and there is a useful index occupying 46 pages.

MYSTERIOUS."

A Chengkuo correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* is responsible for the following:—

It seems to me that a diplomatic farce is being enacted in Seoul. On the 21st March there arrived, quite unexpectedly, the German steamer *Amoy* in ballast. She did not enter the Customs, but I afterwards found out she brought a distinguished Russian passenger. She had been chartered for the express purpose of bringing this Prince, Duke, or Special Director of the Russo-Chinese Bank, on a running visit to the Land of the Morning Calm. Not only was the arrival of this person a mystery, but the person himself was a bigger mystery. No one here has ever seen, known, or heard of him. Immediately he landed he left for Seoul by train. Not even a Japanese detective got a glimpse of him. I happened to know the commander of the steamer he came by, and therefore we had a cup of tea together the day after his arrival (Sunday), as I tried to find out who this stranger was. But the captain did not know, nor, if he did, was he determined to keep the secret. I tried all possible means to pump him about his mysterious passenger, but I got no information from him, and I must say I thought all the more of him for it. I, however, learnt he was a very distinguished personage. The vessel was kept under a full head of steam, and he might appear at any moment and depart as suddenly as he came. These were the orders given to the captain, and, besides, another cabin was to be got ready to receive another Russian passenger—and this person was none other than Baron Gunsburg. I now became aware there was "something in the wind." The next day (Monday the 23rd March) in the forenoon she steamed out of harbour for Port Arthur. She had neither entered the Customs nor cleared, nor reported herself to the German Consul. Two days afterwards His Ex. Mr. C. Waaber, Special Envoy to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, also left for Port Arthur. Baron Gunsburg and Mr. Waaber returned again on the 27th March. All this is a mystery, but it is thought that a golden egg has been laid in Seoul and that we shall hear of it being hatched shortly.

A MISUNDERSTOOD TELEGRAM.

About a month ago we published a paragraph which was subsequently copied by the Straits papers stating that Mr. H. N. Ferrers, barrister-at-law, was leaving Hongkong to join Mr. Chesney Duncan on the editorial staff of the *Straits Echo*, a new paper to be published at Penang.

Mr. Ferrers has addressed the following letter to the Editor of the *Peak Pioneer*:—

Dear Sir,—I understand that you have been kind enough to give publicity to the report that I have returned to this country to assist in the production of a new journal, a paragraph having lately appeared in the *Hongkong Daily Press*. I shall accordingly be greatly obliged if you will allow me to explain the exact position of affairs in relation to this matter. Mr. Chesney Duncan, the Editor of the paper, engaged me to assist him sometime in the middle of last month at Hongkong. He acted upon the strength of a telegram from the proprietors which he represented as being to the following effect:—

"Cannot find employment for Ferrers except to begin about April 6th." April 6th was the date originally announced for the appearance of the new paper.

Upon my arrival at Penang on April 5th, Mr. Duncan informed me that he had misinterpreted the telegram which was code and that it really ran "Cannot find employment for Ferrers. Expect to begin about April 6th." Mr. Duncan has since addressed a letter to me in which he states that his misunderstanding of the message was due to my treachery, meanness, unfairness and unscrupulousness. Under these circumstances I have come to the conclusion that I have no alternative but to place the matter in the hands of my solicitors with instructions to take such steps as may afford Mr. Duncan the earliest opportunity of proving his charges in open court.

Until he has succeeded in doing so I hope that your readers, to many of whom I am personally known, will suspend judgment upon my conduct in this matter.—Yours etc.,

H. N. FERRERS,
Eastern & Oriental Hotel,
Penang, April 16, 1903.

A POLO FATALITY.

A similar telegram of the 14th inst. to the *Rangoon Gazette* says that Lieutenant R. Chawner, 2nd Welsh Regiment, died at Subalpur on the 13th from a polo accident.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES AND NEWS.

THE TERM "BUDGET."

It is difficult to realize that the term Budget, now so often in every one's mouth, is a term less than 200 years old, the earliest mention of the word dating no farther back than 1733. We borrowed it from the old French language—bogette, meaning a small bag, in which in former times it was the custom to put the estimates of receipts and expenditure when presented to Parliament. Hence the Chancellor of the Exchequer in making his annual statement was formerly said to open his budget. In time the term passed from the receptacle to the contents, and curiously this new significance was returned from England to France, when it was first used in an official manner in the early part of the nineteenth century.

PROFESSOR KOCH AND CONSUMPTION.

It is twenty-one years ago that Robert Koch published his discovery of the tubercle bacillus. The organism had been found at the latter end of 1881, after years of search, but Koch waited and verified his work before announcing his find on March 24, 1882. The result in Germany is interesting. In 1888 the tuberculosis death-rate (much understated) was thirty-one per 10,000 living per annum. Last year it was twenty-one. The discovery, familiar to every German schoolboy or artisan or bricklayer (owing to the national insurance system), has already saved Germany hundreds of thousands of lives and countless millions of money. England's death-rate has not diminished one-half as much in the same period.

CANADIAN CIVIL SERVICE PAY.

The agitation in the Canadian Civil Service to induce the Government to grant a general increase of salaries will strike most people as a reasonable one. Canada is notorious, as compared with other parts of the Empire, for its economical treatment of the public service, and even the salaries of Ministers are peculiarly low. An Attorney-General of a poor West Indian island as rule draw higher pay than a judge or a Lieutenant-Governor in Canada, and an ordinary Australian civil servant would drop dead if he were offered the Canadian rate of pay for his work. Seeing that the rate of living in the Dominion has gone up by about thirty-three per cent. since the existing salary schedule was framed, probably the Ottawa Government will see its way to taking the matter into favourable consideration.

A JUDGE'S HUMOUR.

In the *Pall Mall Magazine* for April Mr. E. B. Bowen-Rewlands has a sprightly article on our "Great Criminal Judges." The best thing in it is an anecdote of Mr. Justice Lawrence, who, when a barrister, had to defend a transparently guilty thief. He admitted that the stolen watch had been found on his client, but argued that the man had given the plainest demonstration of injured innocence. "Gentlemen, when the constable arrested him, what did this poor man do? Do I why he did exactly what you or I or indeed any innocent man would have done in similar circumstances. He took the high line, and told that constable to go to the devil." Listening to a counsel who spoke of halter as "aile," Mr. Justice Lawrence suddenly asked the clerk, "Is this a criminal court?" Learning that it was he remarked, "Oh! it's all right; but I thought I had strayed into an ecclesiastical enquiry."

A MARVEL OF SCIENCE.

The announcement that M. Curie, a distinguished French physicist, has discovered that the substance known as radium possesses the extraordinary property of continually emitting heat without combustion, without undergoing any chemical change, and without any alteration in its molecular construction, has been received with the greatest interest. Following closely upon Sir William Crookes's demonstration before the Royal Society, in which the power of radium to throw off vibrations upon a sensitive screen of zinc sulphide was shown, it has suggested many possibilities for the new substance. M. Curie's discovery was eagerly discussed recently amongst the members of the Chemical Society, who met London and there was a general agreement as to its importance. A distinguished member of the Society who has been privileged to see some of Sir William Crookes's experiments in his private laboratory, explained that it is not the phosphorescent quality of radium which is puzzling; what is so amazing is that the continuous emission of heat and light is unaccompanied by any disturbance of the molecular constitution of the substance.

GENERAL SIR LESLIE BUNDLE SUED.

An action arising out of the Boer war was heard in the King's Bench Division last month, when General Sir Leslie Bundle and three other British officers were sued by an ex-Yeoman for false imprisonment. The Court held that it would be contrary to the principle of public policy that the orders of officers while war was going on should be investigated in courts of justice, and judgment was given for the defendants with costs. The action is an interesting illustration of the supremacy of civil law in England. No servant of the State in Great Britain is above the law, whatever his station and office. Policeman and Prime Minister are equally liable to be sued in the ordinary courts for wrongful acts committed in the execution of their duty. It will come as a surprise, however, to most people to learn that a general in time of war is answerable to civil jurisdiction, though Mr. Justice Lawrence, who heard the above case, is clearly against the practice. On the Continent an entirely different practice prevails. In France for example, there is a separate code of law, with special courts, called *l'ordre administratif*, existing by the side of the common law, and by this alone can the administrative acts of civil servants be judged.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Yokohama at 4 p.m. on the 23rd inst., and left again at 7 p.m. same day for Nagasaki, where she was due to arrive at 9 p.m. yesterday. The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m. on the 29th inst., and left again at 10 p.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 2nd prox. The P. & O. steamer *Bombay* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd inst., at 3 p.m. The A.L. steamer *Maria Valeria* left Shanghai for this port on the 29th inst., a.m.

AN APPROPRIATE MOTTO.

There is a quaint anecdote of a clergyman (says the *Edinburgh Dispatch*) who had many fine qualifications, but the grace of preaching was not one of them. As a small token of their esteem the congregation recently presented him with a new and handsome pulpit, beautifully carved and otherwise embellished, and round the entablature at the top ran the appropriate text—"He giveth his beloved sleep."

THE FRENCH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Defending the reduction made in the effective strength of the French Fleet, M. Pelletan, Minister of Marine, declared that the reduction had been effected after the advice of the most distinguished officers had been taken. Moreover, with the present reductions the number of men in the French Fleet would still be larger than that in the United States and German navies, and he would therefore endeavour to make a still further reduction. (Cheers.) The peace effective of the British Navy, added M. Pelletan, almost came up to its war effective, because Great Britain did not possess sufficient reserves. The example to be followed was that of Germany, as she could at a given moment mobilise strong reserves.

CANADA AND ENGLISH ARMY RESERVISTS.

The arrangements for bringing out a large contingent of English Army Reservists to settle in Canada are "declared off," just when everything was about complete for locating the proposed immigrants in the western part of the Dominion. The Imperial authorities wanted special legislation passed by the Canadian Parliament providing that all reservists who came out should be liable to be called upon to serve with the British Army abroad whenever called upon to do so, but that except in wartime the War Office would have no authority to call upon those reservists who might be settled in Canada. It is understood that the Canadian Government would not consent to do this. They laid down the position that if the reservists came to Canada they must do so as free agents, and that if they remained there they should be at liberty to do so on the same conditions as other citizens of the country.

NEW POTATO.—HALF A GUINEA A POUND.

The Northern Star is the name, not of

West Australian mining company, but of a ne

potato, on the quality and prospects of which

great expectations are based. Its present

selling price, at well over half a guinea a pound,

may not seem to err on the side of

modesty, but the market value of any

new commodity must naturally depend on the

production, which, in the case of this particular

potato, is very limited, as it is only used at pre-

sent for seed, and not for culinary purposes. The

Northern Star was first put on the market in

1901, at the somewhat extraordinary price of

£1,120 a ton, and has since proved of such ex-

ceptional merit that it is readily selling at the

same price this year, and, as the planting season

approaches, its price is rising. It is as illy

possible from one pound of seeds to raise a

hundred pounds which would mean that ten shil-

lings' worth of seed would produce fifty pounds'

worth of crops, provided that the value of such

a prolific variety could be maintained. Trials

have been made with it at the Colonial College,

Hollesley Bay, Suffolk, and from four pounds of

seeds 418 pounds of tubers were grown, and even

heavier yields have been reported. Thirty other

varieties of potatoes were grown near it, but

none of them withstood the attacks of disease

as did the Northern Star. The tubers are of

a very uniform size. The possible returns per

acre from a crop of these potatoes would go a

long way to mitigate the usual "bad times"

of the farmer.

SOLDIERS AS WAR MINISTERS.

Lord Rosebery's proposal that Lord Kitchener should be made Secretary of State for War has been described by Lord Selborne as a complete revolution. A writer in a home paper, however, points out that there are at least three precedents for a soldier at the War Office, with a seat in the Cabinet, and, if once a soldier be always a soldier, there

is a peer at this moment in the House of

Lords whose public life is a contradiction

of Lord Selborne. Lord Derby, who began his career in the Grenadier Guards,

retiring as captain in 1863 to enter the

House of Commons, has had two periods of office

in Pall Mall, once as Financial Secretary and

again as Minister for War. In three other

cases there have been soldier Secretaries at the

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FRANK W. WHITE, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 29th April, 1903. [1306]

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INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out from Stourcutters' Island, on the 6th MAY, 1903, at Targets in a Westerly and South-Westerly direction.

Practice will commence about 9 A.M., and end about 11 A.M., if the range is clear.

By Command,

F. H. MAY, Colonial Secretary. Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1903. [1305]

GOVERNMENT BILLS.

TENDER for SPECIE, BRITISH and MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, in Exchange for Sterling Bills drawn at 10 days sight on the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, London, will be received by the Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department, until 11 A.M. on MONDAY, the 4th MAY, 1903.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling) and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn, but no Bills will be issued for less than £100.

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W. G. S. BENSON, J.

Major A.D.P.

H. M. Treasurer's Office. Queen's Road, Hongkong. 29th April, 1903. [1309]

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Hongkong, 24th April, 1903. [123]

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SPANISH PROCURATION.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [173]

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1903. [161]

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Hongkong, 28th April, 1903. [122]

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TWO SPACIOUS NEW GODDOWNS,
very suitable for Dry Goods.

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Hongkong, 15th April, 1903. [183]

TO LET.

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Hongkong, 27th April, 1903. [128]

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [71]

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Nos. 7, 11, 15 & 18, BELLIOS TERRACE
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Land on sea front Kowloon Marine Lot No. 5,
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LINSTEAD & DAVIS,
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1903. [1046]

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TWO SPACIOUS GODDOWNS—Nos. 95
and 96, PRAYA EAST.
Apply to—
H. N. MODY,
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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1902. [82]

TO LET.

NO. 3, STEWART TERRACE, the
Peak.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Hongkong, 8th April, 1903. [1108]

OFFICES—SHAMEEN.

TO LET, convenient well-fit Offices in New
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Hongkong or Canton.
Hongkong, 20th April, 1903. [1215]

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"COOMBE" MAGAZINE GAP. Available
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Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [542]

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"HARTLEY," STONY BROOKE,
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ROAD.
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LAU CHU PAK,
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Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [150]

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [698]

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EXCELLENT Table. Every home comfort.
Well furnished rooms facing the harbour.
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Hongkong, 17th March, 1903. [632]

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Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [700]

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MRS. G. GILLANDER,
"GREENWOOD,"
21, CAINE ROAD.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [915]

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1903. [700]

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COMFORTABLY FURNISHED
ROOMS, with Board.
Apply to Mrs. MATHER,
2, Pedder's Hill,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1903. [785]

LATE TELEGRAMS.

NEWS VIA RANGOON.

LABOUR TROUBLES IN EUROPE.

London, 10th April.
Amsterdam was in partial darkness yesterday
evening owing to the strike of gas and electricity
workers, but there is strong evidence that the
strikers are weakening generally.

14th April.
The Dutch strikes are collapsing. The rail-
waymen, in sympathy with whom the other
strikers had struck, have applied for reinstatement.

TURKEY AND GERMANY.

London, 10th April.
The Sultan has conferred the highest decora-
tions on the German Crown Prince and his
brother who are staying at Constantinople as
guests of the Sultan.

THE BALKAN STATES.

London, 10th April.
M. Stcherbina, the Russian Consul at
Mitrovitsa, who was shot in the back by an
Albanian sentinel on the 2nd instant, is dead.

Some villages in the district of Petrich
have revolted. 350 Turkish troops are engaged
and reinforcements have left Salonica. The
Bulgarian bards in the Monastir district are
committing horrible cruelties upon the Greeks
and Mussulmans.

SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 10th April.
The Transvaal Government has decided to
enforce the law of the late Republic assigning
bazaars in every town where alone Asiatics will
be permitted to trade but exceptions will be
made in favour of educated, civilised Asiatics.

The Standard states that Lord Milner will
take two months' leave in England in August
and September which are the most trying months
in the Transvaal. He is looking very worn.

DISASTER IN COLOMBIA.

Calcutta, 10th April.
The Athlone liner *Allegany*, on arrival at
New York reports a terrible eruption in
Colombia. The village of Tiojo was destroyed
and it is estimated that 100 people were killed.

HOME POLITICS.

London, 11th April.
Lord Cromer in his annual report on Egypt
and the Soudan says though the construction of
the Suez-Berber railway is absolutely essential to
the well-being of the Soudan, the necessity and practicability of the railway to
Uganda and onwards south has not yet and probably never will be shown in view of the great
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THE CAPE-TO-CAIRO RAILWAY.

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Extreme Length..... 523 feet.
Length on Blocks..... 350 .."
Width of Entrance on Top..... 613 .."
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MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL AND FOR CONTINENT.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 8th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AJAX"	On 16th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	On 25th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 1st June.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OUPACK"	On 9th June.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"JASON"	On 12th May.
LIVERPOOL VIA GENOA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 17th May.
MARSEILLES and ANTWERP	"TANTALUS"	On 21st May.
LONDON	"PATROCLUS"	On 26th May.
LONDON	"CALCHAS"	On 4th June.
LIVERPOOL VIA GENOA	"HYSON"	On 12th June.

Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

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FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"AJAX"	On 20th May.
The S.S. "CALCHAS," from Glasgow and Liverpool, has arrived, and leaves for Shanghai to-day.		
The S.S. "PAKLING," from Seattle and Tacoma, left Moji on the 26th inst., a.m., and is due here on the 30th inst.		
The S.S. "ACHILLES" left Victoria B.C., on the 19th inst., for Kobe and Hongkong.		

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL.
SWATOW and SHANGHAI	"PAKHOI"	On 1st May.
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 1st May.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	On 2nd May.
KOBE	"TSINAN"	On 6th May.
MANILA	"SUNGKIAH"	On 6th May.
MANILA	"TSINAN"	On 16th May.

PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOTOWN, CATHERNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1903.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 3rd MAY.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 10th MAY.
FOOCHEW, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"ANPING MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 6th MAY.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"MAIDZURU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 13th MAY.
* TAKOW DIRECT	"FUKUOKA MARU"	FRIDAY, 1st MAY.

The Co.'s new Steamers are specially designed for the coast trade of South China and Formosa, and are fitted with all modern improvements. Excellent accommodation is provided for first-class passengers, and a duly qualified doctor is carried.

All Steamers carry the Imperial Japanese Mails, subject to periodical inspection by the Government Marine Surveyors, and are registered the highest class at Lloyd's.

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For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply to Company's local Branch Office at No. 2, Des Voeux Road Central.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1903.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The *Solezio*, with the French Mail of the 3rd April, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 5th prox. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 2nd February.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

FOR	FROM	DATE
Canton	Hankow	Thursday, 30th, 7.30 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Tuesday, 28th	8.00 A.M.
Swatow	Wednesday, 29th	8.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow, Ichow, Pakhoi, and Haiphong	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Chiefo and Nanchung	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Kunching and Samsui	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Amoy	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Canton	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Namtau	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Manila	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Takow	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wa	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Meji, Hakodate, Los Angeles and San Francisco	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Manila	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Wednesday, 29th	9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Sale, Books, &c., Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes and Hough, 11 a.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, Sales Rooms, Mr. Geo. P. Lammett, 2.30 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Zetland Lodge, Free-masons' Hall, 8.30 for 9 p.m.

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29th April.

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SCHEELS, Bank's Buying Rate \$11.45

G'D LEAF, 100 fine, per tael \$60.50

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OPHIUM.

29th April.

Quotations are—Allow's net to 1 catty.

Malva New \$8600 to \$970 per picul.

Malva Old \$1030 to \$1140 "

Malva Old \$1170 to \$1080 "

Persian p'w'ded — to — "

Persian fine quality \$780 to — "

Persian extra fine, to — "

Patna New \$1005 to — per chest.

Patna Old to — "

Banaras New \$995 to — "

Banaras Old to — "

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar*, with mail transferred from the P.M. steamer *Korei*, arrived at Shanghai at 3 a.m. on the 29th inst., and left again at 10 a.m. same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at 6 p.m. on the 2nd prox.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Zieten* left Colombo on the 23rd inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

THE INDIAN MAILS.

The steamer *Arratoon Aper*, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the afternoon of the 24th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Laiusang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 5th prox.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. steamer *Solezio*, with the next French mail, left Singapore on the 28th inst., at 3 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Paking* left Moji on the 28th inst., a.m., and is due here to-day.

The N.Y.K. steamer *Hitsuwa Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 27th inst., p.m., and is expected here to-day.

The P. & A. steamer *Guthrie*, from Sydney, &c., left Port Darwin on the 14th inst., for Timor, Manila and this port.

The P.M. steamer *Aorea* left Nagasaki for Manila on the 26th inst., at 5 p.m., and due there on the 30th inst., at 8 o'clock. Her mails will be forwarded by *Tartar* from Nagasaki, and is due here on the 2nd prox., at daylight.

The A.I. steamer *Maria Victoria* left Shanghai for this port on the 29th inst., a.m.

The P. & A. steamer *Bomberg* left Singapore for this port on the 23th inst., at 3 p.m.

The N.G.L. steamer *Lectra* left Singapore for this port on the 28th inst., and may be expected here on the 6th prox.

The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Uteides* arrived at Yokohama on the 26th inst.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* arrived at Vladivostok on the 26th inst.

The O.S.S. steamer *Achilles* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 19th inst., for Kobe and Hongkong.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Portland (Or.) for this port via Japan on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on the 1st prox.

The N.P. steamer *Victoria* left Victoria (B.C.) for the usual port on the 17th prox.

The C.P.E. steamer *Athenaea* left Vancouver on the 23rd inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 28th April.

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\$125 450 sellers

Lien. Ltd.

Nail. Bank of China

A. Shares 23

\$25, buyers

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\$10 423 buyers

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\$10 3114 buyers

China-Borneo Co., Ltd.

\$10 3114 buyers

China Light and Power Co.

\$20 38 sellers

China Prov. L. & M.

\$10 37.50 sellers

China Sugar

\$100 3110 buyers

Cigar Companies

\$600 332 sellers

A. hawks, Ltd.

\$150 318

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Tls. 100 Tls. 40 buyers

Ewo International

Tls. 75 Tls. 40

Lau Kong Mow

Tls. 100 Tls. 45

Soyche

Tls. 500 Tls. 100

Hongkong

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\$100 320 sales

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\$100 3124 buyers

Humphreys Estate

\$100 3124 sellers

Kowloon Land & B.

\$100 3124 sellers

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\$100 3124 sellers

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Mining

Fos. 250 \$600 sellers

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